

MOUND BUILDERS OF FLORIDA.

Interesting Revelations Disclosed by Recent Explorations.

(Continued from last issue.)

VESSELS FOR FUNERALS.

Still more remarkable is the practice which seems to have become pretty general in Florida, of making vessels especially for burial purposes; first in close imitation of the real vessels, but with open bases so that they did not need to be broken or "killed" when inhumed, and at the same time did not encourage robbery; and, second, of such rude workmanship and eccentric forms that no industrial or ordinary use could be made of them by anyone.

Another view may be taken of this group of exceptional facts. It may be noted, first, that the perforating and making of perforated vessels, used for burial, and the placing of sherds shaped and unshaped, with the dead, is confined mainly, at least, to Florida and the Gulf coast, and that these practices pertain to comparatively recent times. Further, it may be observed that articles of European make, Venetian beads, Spanish olive jars, articles of metal, etc., are found in many mounds of this region, thus indicating the very general practice of mound-building during the period following the arrival of the Spanish — a period extending over a hundred years or more.

Considering these points, I would suggest the idea that possibly this whole group of extraordinary mortuary practices may have grown up in post-Columbian times. The most prolific source of gain known to the Spanish were the cemeteries of the aborigines, and the seekers of El Dorado and the Fountain of Life were the princes of grave robbers. It will be but natural that people possessing the ready resources of the Southern Indians, finding the graves of their fathers ruthlessly desecrated by the invaders in their mad search for gold and pearls, should, while still preserving the spirit of their mortuary customs, cease to consign to the ground any article of real value. Notwithstanding the seeming improbability of this theory, for the time appears too short to have permitted the construction of such numerous and important works. It will be conceded that the inroads of hordes of avaricious and merciless strangers must have exercised a powerful influence on the habits and customs of the native tribes, and such phenomena as these mentioned would seem not an unnatural result.

As to the use of earthen vessels as receptacles for the bones and ashes of the dead, we have little information. In the Appalachian district to the north it was a somewhat usual practice to place the bones, or portion of the bones, of deceased persons, in large vases which were carefully covered with a lid or inverted bowl when buried.

MYSTERY OF SHELL MOUNDS.

From numerous and very careful examinations of the phenomena of the shell mounds and deposits, the conclusion is reached by Mr. Moore that the earliest occupants of the St. Johns were without pottery, and that sufficient time had elapsed, since the earlier period of occupation for the development of the art, as indicated by successive stages of advancement in shell deposit remains. This would be the order of things if events conformed to the ideal scheme of evolution.

MR. CUSHING'S EXPLORATION.

Frank Hamilton Cushing has made exploration of an "Ancient Culture World

of the Sea, and Empire of Shell-Age Men, in the Ten Thousand Islands and the Keys of the Coast of Florida." According to his account, the great shell citadels of this ancient people have been forest-clad mounds, and their pile dwellings have been buried in peat bogs for many centuries. But their ways of life — their social habits and communal organization, their religious observations, their methods of warfare, their varied arts of peace — are now revealed, almost as though of yesterday, in the veritable relics brought back to the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania.

In describing one of the most important discoveries, near Tarpon Springs, Mr. Cushing says: "When De Soto first came to this land he encountered the fierce Hirniagua, and only a few miles further northward, the undoubted and mysterious Appalachees — the land through which De Soto's predecessor, Narvarex, had striven so hopelessly to pass; through which, with better success, yet all disastrously, he marched his mail-clad knights and dauntless soldiers more than 350 years ago. The brusque, yet picturesque chronicles of these expeditions read today like romances of the days of chivalry, and tell us that in those times populous nations of dusky, fairly civilized natives, ruled by king-like chieftains, held all the land both to the northward and to the southward.

TRIBAL CONFEDERATES.

"According to these records and the chronicles of later travelers, these people must have been closely related (certainly in their ways of life) to the Mus-

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Human Affection.

Written for THE SUNFLOWER.

There are symphonies a ringing
From the high supernal spheres,
That the angel bands are singing
For the mourners bathed in tears;
And the choruses of sweetness
That our tender senses fill;
Claiming all our heart's completeness
Are — "Our loved ones love us still."

There are lovely flowers springing
By the wayside of our gloom;
Mellow fragrance ever mingling
O'er the shadows of the tomb.
And the song-birds of the valley,
Whose blithe tones hearts thrill,
And refresh our feelings daily,
Seem — "Our lost ones love us still."

Closely 'round our heart-core elinging,
Clustered roses intertwine,
Joyous choral voices bringing
Love back to its vacant shrine.
Human love that heals the aching
And destroys life's spicy wine;
Is the love such charms awaken
Glowing in the songs divine.

Sing we then of love that lingers
In these human souls of ours,
Chiming with these heavenly singers,
As they flit around our shores.
Waft we back the welcome story,
"Love immortal lives on high!
Death-shades hide bright gleams of glory,
Waiting for us by and by."

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N. S. A. Convention.

Thursday Morning, Oct. 18.

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The first order of business was the reading of communications. There was a letter from J. C. Underhill, Addie L. Ballou, A. A. McIntyre, two letters inviting the next meeting to come to Milwaukee, Wis., telegram from G. C. B. Ewell, telegram from Mr. Burnham, of Conn., and a letter from Hon. J. B. Townsend. They were referred to the Committee on Communications consisting of G. W. Kates, Dr. Hilligoss, Dr. Sherman, Mrs. C. A. Sprague and Mrs. J. W. Storrs.

The committee on Auditing reported that the accounts of the Secretary, Treasurer and President had been thoroughly examined, that itemized accounts had been presented and found correct and they highly commended them for the able manner in which the accounts have been kept.

Mr. Locke said he thought it was the "shortest report ever presented to any Convention for there was nothing in the accounts but what could be endorsed."

Mr. Bond wished the Secretary to read in detail the amount of \$776.32 charged for traveling expenses of the Trustees. Mrs. Longley read the items showing that the expenses were for the Trustees' expenses including the last Convention at Chicago and the expenses to the March Board meeting as well as the President's traveling expenses while he was on his trips. After this item was read Mr. Locke stated that in the President's account could be found every item even down to the pennies spent for crossing a river and meals as low as 35 cents which, while traveling, was very cheap and ended by saying: "I never, in all my experience, saw so complete an account as our President has given us."

THE COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS was then in order. The amendment to make the Conventions biennial instead of annual was voted down by an almost unanimous vote.

The second amendment created quite a discussion. It was: "Any good Spiritualist paying \$100 into the treasury of the N. S. A. shall be entitled a life membership with a right to vote in its business transactions." A number of amendments were proposed but none were acceptable. Prof. Lockwood did not wish to have the membership thrown open to a standard of dollars; Mrs. Cadwallader supported the amendment saying that a person who lived where there was no society should have an opportunity of joining the N. S. A. on a representative basis.

Mr. Wiggin stated that he objected to the amendment on the ground that "it was on the rock of individual membership that the former N. S. A. was broken. If you wish to break it again, repeat history."

Moses Hull said that "he was the one who proposed the individual membership. That it was a mistaken idea that it broke up the old Association and that we could as well have five or ten thousand dollars additional each year from individual membership as not."

Mr. Mayer warned "against individual memberships. If a Spiritualist wanted to give anything he would do it without if he had the good of Spiritualism at heart. Don't put the Association into the hands of any man or set of moneyed men. Run the Association for the benefit of humanity." W. H. Bach said: "The amendment says 'any good Spirit-

ualist.' I would like to know who is to be the judge of that goodness? If I understand the old Association correctly an unpopular person who had a number of friends at the Convention who took individual memberships, elected her to the office of president and the Association never held another meeting."

A later proposition to allow contributing members a voice in the proceedings of the Convention but not a vote was lost on the ground that "there was too much talking already."

A question having arisen as to the right of one person to vote more than once as the representative of several societies suggested an amendment providing that no delegate shall represent more than one society on the floor of the Convention or cast more than one vote on any question.

Mrs. Cadwallader attempted to secure an amendment to this entire clause as amended by substituting "No delegate shall represent more than one society or cast more than one vote on any question." This would shut out proxy representation entirely and it was lost. It is but justice to Mrs. Cadwallader to state that the position she took on this matter and insisting upon representing four societies and voting for each was that she is opposed to the proxy system and attempted to make it so obnoxious that it would be abolished. The majority of the delegates, however, decided that proxies are necessary until the states can be organized.

An amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of three trustees for terms of one, two and three years, thus not taking the chances of having an entirely new Board each year, was recommended to the next convention.

An attempt to change the By-Laws so as to make a donation to the N. S. A. optional and not compulsory was defeated.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The report of the Committee on Amendments as amended was adopted as a whole.

The special order for election of officers was then in order.

To prevent the charges that had been made in previous years that the Convention had been packed, it was proposed to take an informal vote. As a result H. D. Barrett received 69 the balance being scattering, no one receiving over three votes. The informal ballot was then made formal and unanimous.

Thos. M. Locke was then selected as Vice President and while the ballots were being counted Mrs. M. T. Longley was re-elected Secretary by acclamation. Theodore J. Mayer was re-elected treasurer by acclamation and the Trustees were re-elected with the exception of Mr. E. W. Bond, who declined to be a candidate. His place was taken by Mr. C. L. Stevens, of Pittsburg, who received two more votes than did Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing.

Mr. Bond then moved that the Trustees pay their own expenses to, from and at the conventions, but the motion was lost. The finance Committee occupied the balance of the afternoon to good advantage to the treasury.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Invocation, Dr. J. M. Peebles; Contralto Solo, Lucy Hull Smith; Addresses, E. W. Sprague, Prof. W. M. Lockwood, Mrs. Loe F. Prior, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, Mrs. J. B. H. Brown; Soprano Solo, Zetta Lois Eise; Addresses, Geo. W. Kates, Thomas Grimshaw; Messages, C. H. Figuers, Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds; Violin Solo, Mrs. Anson W. Evans, Oscar

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DR. A. M. G. WHEELER and the work at LOUISVILLE, KY.

I beg to inform you that the church of Spirit Communion opened on the first Sunday of September, this being my second year with this church. I have been giving lectures and platform tests to the apparent satisfaction of all.

Two Sundays in October I was ably assisted by Mrs. Maggie Henley, of Los Angeles, Calif., as platform test medium. For this month we have Mrs. Amy Buchanan, of Jacksonville, Fla., a wonderful test and trumpet medium. This talented and amiable lady is well and widely known by all tourists visiting the lovely city of the south. She has a great interest in the Southern Cassadaga Camp and is universally loved and respected by all at home, being the leading medium of Jacksonville.

During my visit south two years ago I had the pleasure of meeting and mingling with her society in that city. It has been arranged between the Executive Committee and Mrs. Emma J. Huff, Secretary of the Southern Cassadaga Camp that I am to officiate as platform test medium at the Lake Helen Camp this year. I will remain here until February 1st. During my absence this society will have some first class mediums.

DR. A. M. G. WHEELER.
718 Jackson St., Louisville Ky.

AN INSPIRATIONAL WRITING.

Like the glorious morning sunrise is the passing from death unto life. How can I better express the passing of the spirit from its earthly tabernacle into immortal conditions. There is nothing in earth life that is more emblematic than the first expression made in our earthly career. We find ourselves constantly confused and careworn, and yet trying with an energetic mind and ambition to reach some degree of perfection, but those conditions are oftentimes superseded by series after series of imperfections, for that has failed to the lot of mortals in earth life, yet not strictly confined to earth as the different stages of immortality embrace the same element to a greater or less extent, the degree of perfection not being reached until perfection has been endowed upon us, and that is not obtained by a mere wish and a thought, but it requires deeds as well.

God in his very loving mercy and kindness gives generously to those who seek. He says in the good book, which he inspired his prophets to write, that if we seek we will find, ask and we will receive.

To my listeners, one and all, I ask: "Do you understand those sentences?" Very few can understand the meaning unless in some way they are forced upon you in a manner to set you to thinking and investigating, outside of the old orthodox codes. Those I followed in my earthly career but often spending a life in study and in teaching others that which I thought I knew to be right, and considered it to be a science quite well matured. I was called by my All-Wise and Divine Father to abandon my self-obtained knowledge and what I thought a scientific education and leave the earthly body to take on the Spiritual. Then my friends and attentive listeners, I was very soon transformed from a tutor into a scholar and earthly knowledge and orthodox codes and scientific education all passed as naught.

God's laws are the laws of nature, and Mother Nature is the Virginity of Science. She stretches her arms and offers succor to one and all. There, my kind friends, is the beginning, the A B C of scientific education. We find on entering our new conditions, after shaking off our mortal coil that we are only just born again and just as mere babes commencing to live, hardly able to go alone. We were sustained by Angels of Mercy that came as a shower of blessings from the Supreme Being who reigns over all. He sends his missionaries to teach and enlighten the uneducated spirit.

On reaching a required height we

arraigned our duties, and whether it be of high or low degree, the requirements are equally as binding. But, kind friends, do not look upon this knowledge with any terror whatever, as these obligations are missions of love, and it is with love we are eager to fulfill them.

Could we give you the instinct that would cause you to realize what it is to be an instrument which God requires the spirits to come through to convince the living or earth's people that the error of generation after generation is to be corrected, and to show how it is to be brought about, it would assume the form of a miracle, which, in our early earthly career caused us some awe and fear.

As but very few, compared to the population, are endowed with God's talents that when developed assume the shape of the different phases in mediumship of Clairvoyance, Clairaudience, Magnetic, Psychometric, test giving and gift of prophetic foretelling, in trance, semi-trance or normal condition, allowed, permitted, yes, obliged to accept that which God ordains for you to do.

We in the spirit world are allowed to come through such mediums to do that which will show to skeptical people as well as to believers that we still live and that we in coming back and performing that which we did in earth life give you convincing proofs.

MRS. M. E. CLARK.

AT LILY DALE.

Winter has placed its white mantle on the ground and all has taken on the snowy garb. Arrangements have been made to put the auditorium into shape for the winter season by boarding up the sides, and some stately pines that have not been able to withstand the ravages of civilization have been laid low to furnish the lumber for it.

Nearly all the people who make this their summer home have gone for the winter and we are about ready to settle down for our winter siege. This is not so severe as some of our summer visitors think. We have four mails daily, milk, meat and papers brought to our doors, and grocery and postoffice on the grounds; taking it all in all there are as many of the comforts and as few of the drawbacks as is the case with most places outside of the larger cities.

J. K. Wilson, of Bradford, Pa. visited us last week for a day.

F. G. Neelin, A. Gaston and Miss Kate Peete visited the Dale for a few days recently.

Cass Carroll is here from Texas. Mr. Carroll, of New York City, also visited his mother here lately.

Mr. and Mrs. Gage and Mrs. Gaylord, Miss Olmstead, and Mr. and Mrs. Waldo and son have left for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have returned after having been gone several weeks.

F. W. Foote spent last Sunday at THE SUNFLOWER home; he is working at T. Henry Black's photograph gallery Jamestown.

Mrs. Tolles and Henry Skidmore went to Hornellsville for a visit a couple of weeks ago; Mrs. Tolles will remain some time longer.

Mrs. Renor, who was reported sick in our last issue, has improved, and gone home with her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Smith, to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Witherell are the happy parents of a baby girl; it is now two weeks old and mother and baby are doing nicely. Jack's smiles are more radiant than ever.

Mrs. Enches went to Columbus for a short time after her illness this fall, but has returned here and was recently joined by her son; they will remain here for some time.

The trains have changed time; the morning train from the north now arriving at 9:00 o'clock, and in the afternoon at 4:43, the south trains at 11:44 a. m. and 6:38 p. m.

The residents of the Dale were surprised to see a locomotive meandering its streets a few days before election; it was occupied by Mr. McKinstry, Editor of the

Fredonia Censor, and a party of his friends.

Miss Grace Phillips of Cassadaga, has been home from New York for some time on account of being in poor health. She is better, however and has returned to resume her position in the public library in that city.

Mrs. Conant, who met with an accident as reported in our last issue, has come home and is fully recovered. She fell down a flight of stone steps and although she got quite a shaking up her injuries were not severe.

Mrs. B. M. Purple, "Aunt Purple," caught her foot in her skirts and fell down one step on the stairs, at her daughter's, in Dunkirk, causing quite a bruise on her limb above her knee; it was quite badly swollen but she is improving; it is the wish of her many friends that she may soon be as spry as ever.

Mrs. Covell has returned from her second trip to Corry, Pa., where she has been on account of the sickness of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Rathborn, and death of her niece; the latter will be remembered by the campers as one of the two little singers who have rendered such sweet songs on several occasions a few years ago. The mother and daughter were both afflicted with typhoid fever; the mother has quite fully recovered.



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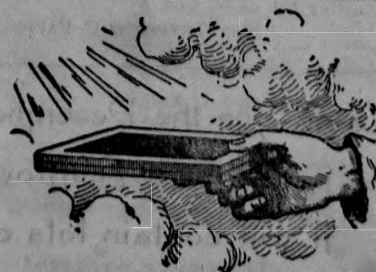
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To hearts bowed down with sorrow here;
They tell us of beautiful worlds so fair;
Of their beautiful homes just over there.

They tell us of gardens where bright flowers bloom;
Where death never enters with sorrow or gloom;

Where sparkling fountains in the bright sunlight
Lend sweet music to the scene so bright.

They teach us lessons in patience and love,
As taught by them in their homes above;

They tell us when life and earth's labors are o'er,
They will welcome us home to the beautiful shore.

ANNETTE B. KREACKER.

Annual Convention of

The American Secular Union.

The Annual Congress of the American Secular Union and Freethought Federation to be held in Cincinnati, November 23, 24 and 25 will be one of the most important in the Annals of Freethought.

Chas Watts of England has been invited. Pres. J. E. Remsburg, Treas. Otto Wettstein, T. B. Wakeman, of the Liberal University, Silverton, Ore., Judge C. B. Waite, Clarence S. Darrow, Rev. J. E. Roberts of Kansas City, H. Clay Wilson, Dr. E. B. Foote, Jr., E. M. McDonald, Susan H. Wixon, Josephine K. Henry, Dr. J. B. Wilson, Etta Semple, Dr. S. W. Wetmore and many other prominent representatives of Freethought have promised to attend this great gathering.

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J. E. Remsburg, Pres.

E. C. Reichwald, Sec'y.

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Jessie Nee.

It has been so many years since I left the earth life that it seems to my brother Will, that it is just a dream for in the cares of life he finds so much to take up his time that we cannot come as close to him as we would like to. I want to tell him I have reached womanhood in the new life and shall go on in my chosen work. I often see Solomon Mayer and he has been so anxious to reach Lotti and let her know more of this life beyond. We are all together and send our greetings.

Jane Newton.

I have many times tried to reach my companion, George, through these forces; but so many others are just as anxious as I am to reach their friends. I have with me your brother Isaac and sister Alma who join in this message so you may realize we have not forgotten you. Sometimes you think: "Why don't they come to me?" We do, dear George, but cannot manifest as we desire but hope some day we can. I see many of your friends here and when you come we shall all try and give you the greeting so that your own soul will rejoice with us gone before.

John and Mary Pratt.

We come not to prove the fact of life beyond but to give welcome to the dear ones of life and we often stand by your side to try and open the new life plainer and better to you. Herbert is with us and it will be our pleasure to do all we can for him and we know wherever there is a chance for us to come to you we will and give evidence of our continued life beyond the physical life. As you both may grow nearer to us it will be a pleasure to guide you the best we can along the pathway of true spiritual unfoldment. We send love to Josiah and the dear ones at Brace Bridge, Canada.

Lousia Shaw.

I want to reach my stepson Brockley Azel Shaw at Boston, Mass. When death called your own dear mother I tried to fill her place the best I could. Later on when I came to this life she was the first to greet me and we have gone on together day by day. I often see your brother and many of your dear ones and wish all the boys could look into this life and get a glimpse of our homes there. I feel sure a desire would come to know more of our life. So I come to give you a word from the home beyond.

Phillip and Catharine Fetzer.

We try in all ways we can to reach our dear son Allen, and trust this may be the means of opening his eyes to this great power of life eternal. We are often able to see Cate Kertles and where we unite for your good the desire would be a better understanding of all matters of the earth and spirit where the two worlds could be brought nearer together than they are. We sometimes wonder why people do not know more of this truth than they do, so we will be better received.

Verifications.

In your last issue of THE SUNFLOWER I find a message from my little daughter, Mary Cecil Huntington, who passed to spirit life when but a few days old, nearly eleven years ago, her name being unknown to the world but quickly recognized by me. I was indeed happy to receive the message with tidings from her dear papa who is with her. All this was in answer to my heartfelt prayer, verbally expressed to my mother as stated in the message. May the bread cast upon the waters by our good medium and his guides, bring Mr. White much return.

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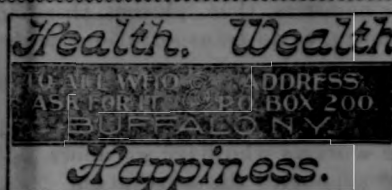
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N. S. A. CONVENTION.

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A. Edgerly; Contralto Solo, Lucy H. Smith.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 19

The meeting was called to order at the usual time, but a quorum not being present a recess of ten minutes was taken. At the expiration of the recess the Committee on Resolutions was in order and through its Chairman, Moses Hull, made its report.

While all of the resolutions reported by the committee were good, in fact, far above the average, never has a report received such an overhauling as this did. After amendments and amendments to amendments, it was adopted as follows:

Whereas, Modern Spiritualism is the recognition of universal principles operative in nature, immortality a fact in nature, and spirit return and communication the avenue through which immortality is demonstrated, we submit the following resolutions as embodying our position touching topics now uppermost in progressive thought.

1. Resolved, That Spiritualism teaches that there is a spiritual world of varying grades in co-relation with this world, which is as tangible and real to those living in that world as the earth is to us.

2. Resolved, That Spiritualism teaches that the event called death is not disastrous nor a penalty for sin, but an event as natural as birth, and calculated to let us into a world with unlimited possibilities.

3. Resolved, That there is a higher system of ethics than has as yet been recognized by state or church; that when we look as carefully after those who bake our children's bread and wash and iron their clothing as we do on the system of ethics that we teach them, the oncoming generation will rise to a higher standard of health, morality and intellectual attainment than the world has yet seen.

4. Resolved, That as temperance consists in a moderate use of things beneficial, and total abstinence from everything injurious, physical, mental and moral, as essential to our well being, we declare that intoxicating liquors, opiates, tobacco and all unnecessary stimulants should be avoided.

5. Resolved, That while we are opposed to the existing medical laws which restrict the right to heal the sick, to those only who have passed examinations in certain schools of medicine, and to all efforts being made to make so-called medical laws, we would advise all who attempt to treat the sick to become thoroughly acquainted with anatomy, physiology, hygiene and the general laws of health.

6. Resolved, That we are opposed to any law or laws in our constitutions, national or state, recognizing any system of faith under the guise of religion.

7. Resolved, That all wars at this stage of human progress are brutal and morally injurious to the welfare of society, and that all international disputes should be settled by boards of arbitration, thus ushering in the era of universal peace on earth, good will to men.

8. Resolved, That capital punishment is a relic of barbarism wholly inimical to modern ideas concerning crime causes and their cure. We favor the abolition of the death penalty.

9. Resolved, That compulsory vaccination is not only unwise, unconstitutional and un-American, but dangerous to health, causing eczema, erysipelas, cancer, tumors, syphilis and often death.

10. Resolved, That as our children are to be our successors in the work of Spiritualism, it is our duty as an association to do something tangible for the children by way of establishing Children's Progressive Lyceums, and establishing a paper in the interests of our young people.

11. Resolved, That as we believe in a larger development for our speakers and platform workers, we should use our influence in every way practicable both as an association and as individuals, to assist the Belvidere Seminary in New Jersey, the training schools now established, and to establish others when

S. A. at such meeting.

14. Resolved, That mass conventions be held in conjunction with the several state associations in every state, in such numbers and places as to the trustees of this association may seem proper; that in all states where no organization exists mass conventions shall be called and held by the trustees of the N. S. A. as in their judgment shall seem best.

15. Resolved, That while we rejoice at the good work being done by itinerant lecturers and mediums and hope to see their numbers and usefulness greatly increased, we rejoice, also at the growing conviction among Spiritualists that there should be settled speakers in every place able to sustain them, and that in other places where one society is not able to settle speakers, several societies may invite and settle a speaker who can divide his time and work among them, thus giving speakers and people opportunity to co-operate with each other.

16. Resolved, That some effort should be made to bring Spiritualism more prominently before those who shall visit Buffalo during the Pan-American Exposition. A headquarters and reading room should be opened under the charge of some intelligent person who could answer questions concerning meetings, mediums and speakers and other such questions as strangers would be liable to ask.

17. Resolved, That the work and relation the Mediums and Protective Association sustains towards the Spiritualistic movement, should be thoroughly understood, to the end that its legitimate effort receive proper endorsement when the integrity of its basic principles is established and found to be in harmony with the purposes and intent of our progressive philosophy and to that end we recommend that a committee be appointed to confer with its executive officers, that greater unity of effort may be established.

18. Resolved, That we hereby express our thanks to the various railroad companies who extend their courtesies to our ministers, thus placing them on an equality, as to transportation, with the clergy of other religions.

19. Resolved, That the thanks of the convention are hereby tendered to all of our workers who have so nobly upheld and supported the work of the N. S. A. by their words, acts and purses, and especially to those mentioned by our president in his report.

20. Resolved, That the thanks of this convention are due and hereby extended:

1st. To the Business Men's League, which, though it repudiated its contract with us, extended many unlooked for courtesies to us, not the least of which was a free street car ride over the city so that we might behold and enjoy its beauties, and furnished us with beautifully printed programs of the work of this convention.

2nd. To the railroads, and especially to F. C. Donald, George N. Bruner, Eben E. McLead of Chicago and C. M. Pratt of St. Louis, for reduction of fares to and from this convention and other favors.

3d. To the Forest City House for the courtesies and favors shown.

4th. To the Spiritualist Press and to the daily press of this city for many advance notices and the fair reports of this meeting.

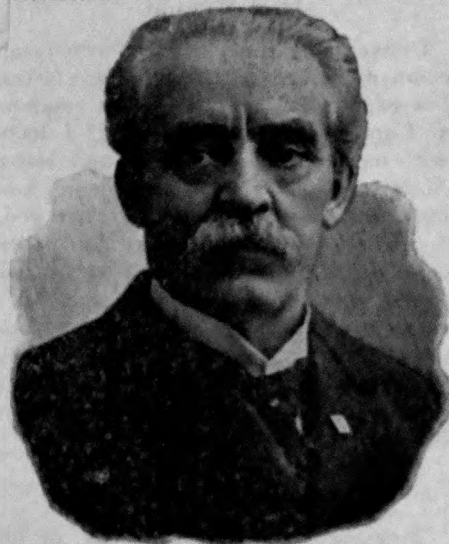
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6th. To Willard J. Hull, who faithfully acted as Reading Clerk.

7th. To the ladies of Cleveland for the beautiful palms and flowers furnished to decorate the hall.

The next order of business was "Unfinished Business." Under this head missionary reports were made by E. W. Sprague, G. W. Kates, Zaida B. Kates, Tillie Reynolds, Mrs. C. A. Sprague, Mrs. Cnrran and Mrs. Longley for Virginia Barrett. A few minutes remaining before the noon hour, John Eggleston, of New York, was allotted the time for a ten minutes speech.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The report of the Committee on Delegates' Reports was read by Mrs. Cadwallader. She reported that only about forty out of two hundred societies had made reports. A change in the manner of calling for such reports was suggested and the suggestion was approved.

Local societies were reported very weak and it was suggested that the N. S. A. should make an effort to strengthen them. Approved.

The financial condition was shown to be very low. Some reported only \$10 received during the year.

Some give receipts of \$100 while two or three gave receipts in accordance with what they should be to conduct a successful society. The memberships ranged from 7, the minimum, to several hundred.

The committee recommended that the societies should be encouraged to send more complete reports and to extend their scope of work. B. B. Hill suggested that a printed circular should be sent out to societies with instructions as to the desires and aims of the N. S. A. regarding these reports which was accepted and adopted.

Camp Meeting Associations had not done much for the N. S. A. the past year. The M. V. S. A. paid their back dues and Onset raised \$400. State Associations of California, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Connecticut and Massachusetts report good progress and encouraging prospects. Minnesota seems to be the "Banner State," as they have raised nearly \$2000 during the year, nearly all of which was expended for missionary work. Great credit was given to Mr. and Mrs. Kates for this successful condition. The committee mentioned especially Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kates and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague and stated that a few such workers would soon build up good societies through the country. The other state associations reported mass meetings but no extensive missionary efforts.

In California a number of mass meetings and a very successful state convention was held. They have recently come into possession of "The Sleeper Trust Fund" with which a building has been purchased at San Jose. The Association had been called on to defend workers from unjust onslaughts and had been successful.

That portion of the president's report pertaining to missionaries was referred to this committee and they recommended the adoption of that portion and suggested that it be placed in the hands of the board of trustees with power to appoint, and that these missionaries be requested to solicit donations and receive funds to meet the expenses, but that the expenses and salary of these missionaries be guaranteed and paid by the N. S. A.

The recommendations were adopted.

On motion of W. J. Hull, H. D. Barrett was unanimously selected as a special missionary, to devote his whole time to the work, at a salary to be fixed by the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Twing, who was appointed a special committee to look up the Jubilee deficit at the last Convention made her report. She said that she "had been unable to make any decided movement in the matter. She had asked a number who took part in the Jubilee if they would not pay their own hotel bills, thus reducing the amount, but in nearly every case met with a decided refusal. She asked that the matter be placed in the hands

of the Board of Trustees to handle as seemed best to them.

This created quite a discussion but the finale of it was that it seemed to be the prevailing opinion of the delegates that the N. S. A. was morally but not legally liable for the debt. It was referred to the incoming Board with instructions to act upon it.

Mrs. Warne moved that Moses Hull be made the champion of debates and discussions where Spiritualism was involved with ministers, etc. This was unanimously approved.

W. J. Hull moved that the Secretary's salary be increased to \$1200 per year, but Mrs. Longley opposed the raise saying that the N. S. A. could not afford it. The salary was therefore left at \$1000.

Dr. A. B. Spinney's proposition of an endowment bed in the hospital at a very low figure was referred to the incoming Board.

Several suggestions for amendments were met with the statement that the By-Laws of the Association had been so changed that they were not in proper shape and were improperly worded. It was therefore decided to appoint the President, Vice-President and Secretary as a committee to revise them.

The next question was regarding the place for the next Convention. Milwaukee, Wis., Buffalo, N. Y., Washington, D. C., were the aspirants. Washington was selected in order that the delegates might be present at the dedication services of the headquarters.

The National Lyceum Association was then in order. A report has already been given. The President then announced that the N. S. A. Convention of 1900 was adjourned *sine die*.

FRIDAY EVENING OCTOBER 19.

Invocation, A. J. Weaver; Contralto Solo, Lucy Hull Smith; Piano Solo, Carl F. Fessler; Recitation, Jason Hemmeyer; Lecture, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Contralto Solo, Mary E. Akers; Lecture (30 minutes,) Moses Hull; Soprano Solo Jennie DeLong; Spirit Messages, Mrs. Zaida B. Kates; Soprano Solo, Flora E. Russell; Spirit Messages, Miss Margaret Gaule; Soprano Solo, Zetta Lois Eise.

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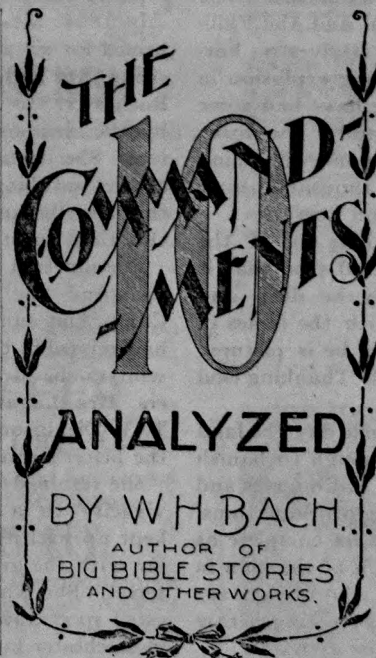
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THANKSGIVING DAY.

Again the decree has gone forth and we are requested to "Give thanks to Almighty God for the manifold blessings that have been bestowed on the world during the past year" or words to that effect.

Everybody knows how Thanksgiving Day originated. A day of fasting and prayer was appointed as the Pilgrim Fathers were famishing and there was no prospect of food. The day before a ship arrived from England loaded with supplies. The day of fasting was changed to a day of feasting and if it had not been for the entrance of the letter "e" into that "fasting" it would never have been heard of again.

What shall we be thankful for? that we have a war in China and the Philippines? that we had the Galveston horror? that we had the big explosion in New York City? that we have had some fearful railroad wrecks? and a few dozen other things? What a wonderful thing to be thankful for! Ten thousand people destroyed in the Galveston horror!

This thankfulness reminds one of the man who always "Thanked God that it was'n't worse." Finally he died and went below. There, with the fumes of brimstone all around him, he is pictured as down on his knees and "Thanking God that it was'n't worse."

But let us hope that some day the land will become intelligent enough to banish chaplains from our halls of Congress and stop making thanksgiving proclamations. Both of them are farces as complete as Mark Twain's illustration of the man in the Nevada Legislature who always sat with his feet on his desk eating a raw turnip during the religious exercises.

N. S. A. MISSIONARIES.

In another column will be found a notice from Mr. E. W. and Mrs. C. A. Sprague, regarding their connection with the N. S. A., as missionaries and, what they wish to do.

Every person in the States of Indiana and Pennsylvania, who is interested in Spiritualism should make an effort in this movement. It has been said that if the N. S. A. would only send out some missionaries, it would do some good to the Cause at large. Now they are doing it. But if these missionaries do not have the cooperation of the Spiritualists in the section of the country in which they are working, it will not be of much benefit to the movement to send them out.

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MRS. SARAH A. BURTIS.

A Pioneer of Cassadaga Camp,
Passes Away at Rochester.

Sarah Anthony Burtis died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. B. Logan, No. 91 Manhattan street, Rochester, N. Y., at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, October 29th, in the ninetieth year of her age.

The death of Mrs. Burtis followed a general breaking up of all the forces of life which began about four weeks before. She was conscious until the last. The vitality which for years had borne her up sustained her to the end. Last February she fell in her room, dislocating her hip. Physicians thought at the time that she would never recover, but she regained the use of the injured muscles, and was able to walk again.

In many ways Mrs. Burtis was a most remarkable woman, and the history of her life reads like a chapter from the history of woman's progress in the last century. She was born in Saratoga, December 14, 1810, of Quaker parents. She received in her girlhood what was an excellent education for a young woman of that period. She married in 1839, Lewis Burtis of Saratoga, who was also of the quaker faith, and in the same autumn they came to Rochester, making the journey by canal. They were four days enroute. Early in life she became interested in the slavery question, and was an ardent abolitionist. Her home was one of the stations on the underground railroad by which slaves from the South were sent to Canada, and was headquarters for the noted abolitionists of that time, as they journeyed about the country endeavoring to arouse public sentiment in behalf of the slaves.

At her home she entertained William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Frederick Douglass, Oliver Johnson, members of the Hutchinson family and other noted reformers of that time. When the first suffrage meeting was held in Rochester in 1848, Mrs. Burtis acted as secretary. She was not the regularly elected secretary, but was chosen for the place, when it was found that the voice of the secretary was not sufficient for the requirements of the situation. Since that time Mrs. Burtis had been actively interested in woman's suffrage.

In 1854 Mrs. Burtis sought and obtained for an acquaintance the first position ever held by a saleswoman in Rochester. In 1848 she was attracted by the demonstrations of the Fox sisters. She became interested in them. In a brief autobiography Mrs. Burtis wrote that she "became more firmly wedded to this than to other reforms."

For nineteen years it was her custom to spend the summers at Cassadaga Camp, last summer being the first she had missed in that length of time. Her winters she divided between her daughters, Mrs. Logan of Rochester and Mrs. T. V. Dickinson, of Niagara Falls, until the latter's death in February.

She retained her youthful spirit and vivacity to a remarkable degree. She kept up with the times, and was familiar with the great questions of public interest. She was one of the most interested spectators at the convention held in Rochester last November of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Burtis' only surviving daughter is Mrs. Logan, with whom she made her home. She is survived by two granddaughters, Mrs. Edward M. Wood, of Denver, and Mrs. Charles C. Robinson, of Chicago, and by three great-grandsons.

The arrangements for the funeral were in accordance with her requests. The services were conducted at the home of her daughter, Rev. Mr. Bacon, of Niagara falls, officiating. The remains were taken to Buffalo Crematory and incinerated.

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AMONG THE LATER BOOKS.

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Watch for the December 15th SUNFLOWER.

The first snow storm has arrived but this kind of SUNFLOWER blooms all the year round.

George A. Ferris, formerly of Rochester, N. Y., has located at 380 E. Roehrer Ave., Buffalo, where he treats all classes of diseases.

We note in one of our exchanges the transition of Giles B. Stebbins. If the report is correct the world has lost a great thinker and a noble man.

THE SUNFLOWER office has just been equipped with a fine furnace which makes the problem of printing during cold weather a much simpler matter.

Prof. J. Hilling has moved his office to 145 Pleasant Street, Boston, Mass., where he will be pleased to meet all of his old friends and many new ones.

The Magnetic Journal, Portland, Ore., is a late venture in the field. It is, as its name indicates, devoted to human magnetism and influence and advocates the "Weltmer Method."

Julia Barbaras writes: "Enclosed find fifty cents to renew my subscription. I find in my garden of favorite flowers the violet, sweet and modest; and in my literature THE SUNFLOWER paper for knowledge and truth, which, by tender watching will bloom all the year round."

Mrs. M. J. Crilly is now located at 14 E. Stockton Ave., Allegheny, Pa. She is conducting successful meetings at the corner of South and East Diamond Sts. She is agent for THE SUNFLOWER paper and subscriptions and advertisements can be left with her. She also has W. H. Bach's publications for sale.

Mrs. Estelle Fish Baillet has met with success in her work at Herkimer, Mohawk and other towns of New York. She will soon return to Herkimer to see a fine life size statue of her father that has been erected to his honor at that point.

Attention is called to the notice in another column of Senora Blanca de Ovies' new book, Psycho-Palmistry Key. It will be a most complete work. Those who order at once can have same at a reduced rate. THE SUNFLOWER will fill orders at the same rate and will send books as soon as issued.

THE SUNFLOWER office is printing the 24th thousand of Mattie Hull's Songs. How about Dr. Talmage's offer of a large cash bonus for an "infidel work" that has gone through two editions? Oh! Yes! That is another of his "big bluffs." Strange how long such things can go without being questioned by the "deluded followers of such nonsense."

Mrs. Maggie Waite writes from Syracuse, N. Y. "My meetings are filled to overflowing, hundreds being turned away. It has been a hard city to awake but the awakening has come. Many investigators were watching the outcome of my prophecy on the election. As it turned out my prophecy which was made eight months ago, was correct. I am now located at 206 Harrison St."

Charles A. Jacobs writes: "We wish to announce the marriage of Frank McKinley, the renowned trance and trumpet medium, of Toledo, O., to Mrs. Eva Scott, of Sandusky, O. The good work he has done and is doing for the cause of Spiritualism can only be realized by the hearts he has brought comfort to. He will continue the work and will be open for

campmeeting engagements for the coming season in his capacity as test medium."

Margaret Bradley writes: "I have meetings in Warwick, N. Y. three times a week. I have convinced several skeptics of a hereafter. Do you publish 'Mediumship and its Development' in German or have you any other books in German." Mediumship and its Development is not published in German and we do not know of any books on that subject published in German. We would refer her to *Lichtstrahlen*, a German Spiritualist paper published at West Point, Neb.

Campbell Brothers write: "We are delightfully settled for the winter at 507 Niagara Street, where we have a cozy flat of nine rooms. We have stacks of letters to answer and hope the public will have patience with us. We have been very unsettled the past two months and could not attend to mail as promptly as usual. At the temple last night Moses Hull, gave a 'corking lecture' and F. Corden White gave remarkable tests. The temple was crowded to overflowing."

Jerry Robinson, writes: "Your nice little SUNFLOWER has reached me and I am very much pleased with it. I hope it will grow in size and circulation. I returned last week from Lookout Mountain and am now located on my farm for the winter and spring. We have no societies in the state of Mississippi that I know of but I hope to get a missionary of the N. S. A. and have our State represented in the N. S. A. I shall always think with pleasure of the Convention in Cleveland. I am glad I was there to get acquainted with the workers for reform."

The new volume of *The Youth's Companion* for 1901 will mark the paper's seventy-fifth year of continuous publication—seventy-five years, during which it has had the approval of three generations of readers. The constant aim of *The Companion* is to carry into the home reading that shall be helpful as well as entertaining—reading that shall contribute to the pure happiness of all the family. Strong in the assurance that every reader gained is a friend won, the publishers offer to send *The Companion* free for the remaining weeks of 1900 to those who subscribe now for the new volume for 1901. There will not be an issue from now until 1902 that will not be crowded with good stories and articles of rare interest and value. Diplomats, Explorers, Sailors, Trappers, Indian Fighters, Story-Writers and Self-Made Men and Women in Many Vocations, besides the most popular writers of fiction, will write for *The Companion* not only next year, but during the remaining weeks of this year. The new Subscriber will also receive *The Companion's* new "Paritan Girl" Calendar for 1901, lithographed in 12 colors. Illustrated Announcement of the volume for 1901 will be sent free to any address, with sample copies of the paper. *The Youth's Companion*, Boston, Mass.

BUFFALO ITEMS.

Mrs. Chase has been quite sick but is improving.

Campbell Brothers are located at 507 Niagara Street, Buffalo, for the winter.

George A. Ferris is a late addition to the Healers of this city. He is located at 380 Roehrer Avenue.

Between Moses Hull and F. Corden White, the Spiritual Temple is crowded every Sunday evening with good audiences Wednesday evening and Sunday morning.

Mrs. Mattie R. Hull, of the First Spiritual Church, Leslie Manchester, of North Collins and W. V. Nicum, of Dayton, Ohio, were at the meeting of the Buffalo Spiritual Church Society November 4.

A series of card parties have been inaugurated by President Chase at their hall corner of Main and Mohawk. The first one, held October 29, was a complete success and another is announced for November 20. Mrs. S. Augusta Armstrong is still lecturing to good audiences and Mr. Chase is giving some tests that are equal to the older mediums.

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HYPNOTIZED A TRIO.

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sound to sleep as if he had been drugged.

David Waugh took up the telephone receiver and told his name. Lang spoke to him in the same way. He began in less than a minute to droop and show signs of relaxation. The watchers quietly pushed a chair close behind him. Lower and lower fell Waugh's head. As the telephone instrument was falling from his left hand the watchers caught it. Waugh sunk into the chair, his arms hanging loosely over the edges. His friends crossed his hands in his lap and carried the chair back out of the way. His slumber was profound.

Earnest Smith in turn raised the receiver, and he too, fell asleep under the domination of the thin little voice that sang imperatively in his ear.

The three subjects sat sleeping and waiting in a row. Lang walked all the way from Kiesel's, and his journey occupied three-quarters of an hour. While he was on the way Wilbur Colby drove a needle half an inch into the first finger of Danielson's right hand. The pain ordinarily would have been exquisite, for the needle was thrust under the finger nail and far into the quick. The face of Danielson showed not the least signs of suffering. He slept as peacefully as ever. The Doctor asked Colby to drive the needle transversely into the finger. He did so. Danielson never quivered.

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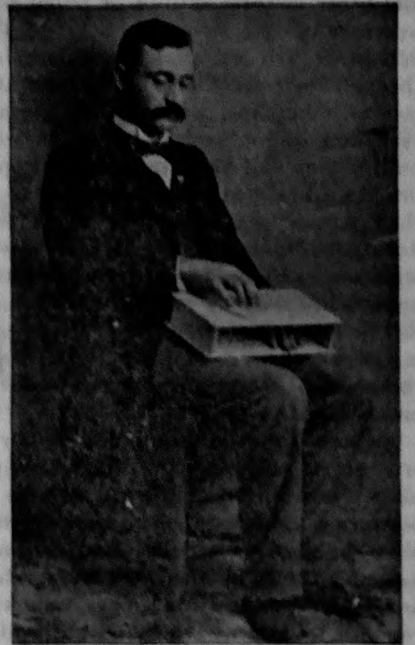
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FOR INDEPENDENT WRITING: Take a wooden frame school slate and scrape pencil dust over the face of it; break off a small piece of pencil and put it on the slate after which place inside and against the top of the Cabinet, holding it with the right hand flat on the under side of the slate, throw a piece of black sateen over the Cabinet to enclose it and lay the left hand on top of the Cabinet. The slate will be moved, marks appear dimly in the pencil dust and finally writing. This development requires great patience and perseverance, but is the most desirable of all psychic phases.

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MOUND BUILDERS OF FLORIDA.

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cogees, Choctaws, and Creeks, Natchez, and other historic nations or tribal confederates of our Southern States. The Spaniards tell us that they marched through their great fields of corn, beans, melons, pumpkins, potatoes, and yams, ever and anon coming upon the well-built cabins and hamlets of these people, or desperately storming some one of their greater central towns of shapely flat-roofed houses. Some of their towns were set in the midst of wild morasses approached only by narrow canoe channels or hazardous causeways, often leading over bridges of floating logs. Where these cities stood are marsh-bordered hammocks today.

"Others stood on headlands, near rivers, or in the midst of the tidewater plain, clustered around great mounds or platforms, aloft upon which were perched alike the massive temples and the huge assembly halls of their Micos or rulers and priestly counselors. They were surrounded by heavily timbered pallisades, plastered inside and out with painted clay stucco, as, indeed, were the similarly built houses, some so arranged that they could shelter all of the families of a numerous clan or ward; others built separately but in groups for lesser households.

Mr. Cushing found many relics to verify the truthfulness of this description. He adds: "At the edge of the village of Tarpon Springs I found a low mound 60 feet in diameter, that had been ruthlessly dug over by relic hunters, and was said to have produced only a few human bones and some broken fragments of pottery. But the character of the debris of these diggings encouraged me to have a slight excavation made, and this revealed the fact that the mound was many centuries old and had been built originally within a deeply hollowed basin—a make-believe lake, as it were—and when used had been surrounded by a water-filled channel or moat.

A RICH FIND.

"I therefore surmised that beneath these casual diggings many undisturbed human remains and relics of the objects sacrificed therewith would be found, and that these would reveal to me a later—an inland phase of the life of the old Key Building People of the Gulf. I at once secured men, and began trenching the mound from side to side. Objects of rare interest were speedily found that encouraged a prosecution of the excavations for more than two months. Thus the little mound was explored from border to border. As a result, more than 600 skeletons were encountered, and perhaps the largest quantity of pottery, stone, and other objects of art, ever gathered from a single mound of equal size.

"Some of the vessels were carved, and they were unique and showed plainly, in common with the stamped forms, their descent from carved wooden dishes, such as later were actually found to the southward. Upon one of them was represented the fish-like mask of the fisherman who owned it, and also two seines, symbolizing all the modes of taking fish, known to its owner—that drinking from it he might fare better in his quest for his food of the sea.

"There were bowls, too, and vases, with other strange, mask-like forms elaborately outlined upon them; one shapely and tall, with the visage of a god—for all the world like a Central American decoration—and another and exquisite bowl with a grinning, highly conventionalized face of the Cougar or wild cat delicately traced upon it among bird-from arabesques not yet excelled for beauty of execution on any other original vessel that I have ever seen.

"A study of these curious forms of ornamental investiture, so to call it, will go far, not merely toward telling us the story of the lives and thoughts of these old-time potters, and of how they derived their art, but also toward telling us the meaning of savage or primitive art on the utensils of early folks everywhere; and for this reason I saved every scrap of pottery I recovered and spent months in putting it together."

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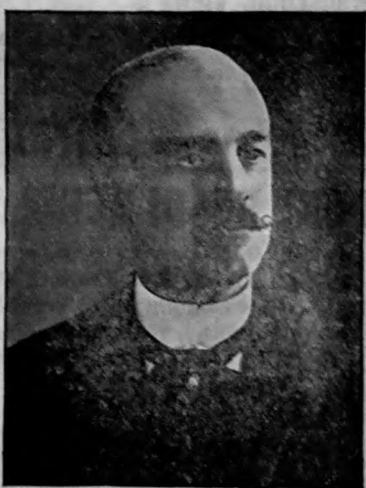
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